

# PICTURES OF AMERICANS, GERMAN PRISONERS, HERE

Pictures of the first American prisoners taken in Germany, printed in the German papers, reached here today.

Two Sammers, erect and defiant, were surrounded by a group of Hun soldiers, who viewed them curiously. The papers carried no identification of the men.

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## SLAYER AND THIEF, AS POLICE CHARGE, ARE CAUGHT HERE

Two alleged fugitives from justice today await deputies from North Carolina who will return them for trial on charges, respectively, of murder and grand larceny.

They are James Williams, alias Sid Munroe, colored, twenty-six years old, of Rocky Mount, and Ray Herman Lauer, who says he deserted from Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga., where he was a private in the 100th Machine Gun Battalion.

Williams is said to have killed his brother, Samuel Williams, one year ago at Rocky Mount. Lauer says he left camp to visit his wife, in York, Pa., and, according to Precinct Detective Cole, of No. 9, admits having taken a suit case containing \$2,000 worth of jewelry from an automobile between Rocky Mount and Dunn, N. C., belonging to a firm of the latter place, who will prosecute.

Policeman Addison, of the Second precinct, arrested Williams. Both men were taken yesterday.

## CAVE, GUNS, GAS, NOTHING, BUT BABY WANTS GODMOTHER

TOUL, France, Dec. 14.—There is an eighteen-month-old baby with a perpetual smile and an iron constitution at the American Cross home for Refugee Children here today who ought to have an American godmother.

Simone Botmer, French war child, is probably the champion war baby of the entire war. More trials and tribulations have been crowded into her short young life than in any other life of equal period. Fate has played more pranks with her than perhaps with any other living toddler. Today Simone has a smile for everyone, and as for disposition she might just have well been born with a silver spoon in her mouth instead of under conditions which are as much the reverse as day is from night.

### Born in Dark Cave.

To begin with, Simone was born in one of those dark, unsanitary, vermin-filled caves where French peasant folks live after the German guns have blown their homes to bits. Simone's father, of course, wasn't present. He had disappeared several months before the event from the very region just over the hill where the French trenches face the enemy and keep him from advancing further into the department of Meurthe and Moselle. Simone's mother, being a sturdy French peasant woman, gave the little mite strength to live even under all the adverse conditions.

Before the war the Botmer household was as neat and thrifty as any in the village. But the village, like all others within range of the enemy guns, is now a mass of ruins. No living thing is safe on the surface of the ground. To appear among the battered and naked walls means to invite German shells from the enemy gunners.

### Infant Wore Gas Mask.

The caves offered shelter against these missiles until the Germans began to use gas. Then the French government supplied the dwellers with gas masks. But to send them to a safer place was the best remedy.

The French government moved the smallest children to the "Asile-Casern de Luxembourg," a group of buildings prepared for the purpose here on a hill near Toul. Then the American Red Cross took a hand and to-

day more than 500 children are under the care of American doctors and nurses headed by Dr. Julius Parker Sedgwick, of Minneapolis.

Little eighteen-month-old Simone Botmer is among the children. Suffering from pneumonia she was taken from her mother's care and placed in the small children's hospital. Here after many anxious days and nights

under the care of Nurse Bessie Spanner, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. J. I. Durand, child specialist of Seattle, Simone pulled through and has since smiled her way into the affections of all the American doctors and nurses.

A month ago Simone's face, pinched by lack of proper nourishment and disease, made her appear like a skin-

ny Japanese baby. Her nails, despite the illness drew her eyes down to narrow slits and her small white teeth not yet fully grown were the most prominent part of her appearance. With proper treatment, a daily bath and nutritious food Simone is beginning to blossom out.

All Simone needs is an American godmother.

## POPE OPPOSES MOVING VATICAN TO HOLY CITY

ROME, Dec. 14.—Pope Benedict is intensely gratified at Christian liberty of Jerusalem at the hands of the

Moslems, according to Vatican authorities. The holy father, it was said, is greatly concerned over the city's future. The suggestions have been received at the Vatican that the Pope leave Rome and re-establish the seat of the Catholic church in the holy city. It was stated authoritatively that the Pope did not approve of such a plan.

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We have encouraged the spirit of patriotism among our young men in every way possible, and nearly one hundred have joined the colors within the last few months. You men who are employers of labor can appreciate what this means, these men had been with us for years and were well trained in their respective duties. In filling their places we were compelled to pay the new men quite as much and in some instances actually more than we formerly paid the men with years of experience.

We have been exceedingly fortunate in retaining the services of the men engaged in the more technical positions, those having direct supervision of the actual making of gas, inspectors of meters, etc. To fill these positions would have been quite difficult and in the interest of good service we have retained these men, yet in order to do so, owing to the present labor conditions, it has been necessary for us to make very substantial increases in their salaries.

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